New schools with CBSE and ICSE syllabus

†237. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the demands for opening new central schools and other schools with CBSE and ICSE syllabus;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) All the Kendriya Vidyalayas are affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Based on the demands for opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) received from time to time, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan assesses the feasibility of opening of such schools. However, actual opening of the schools depends on clearance of the competent authority and availability of funds.

Introduction of grading system

†238. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the session from which the grading system in class tenth and twelfth is to be introduced;

(b) whether introduction of grading system would ease pressure of studies on students and students would be able to pursue education of higher standard under the system;

(c) whether parents would not pressurize their wards to secure-higher marks once grading system is introduced;

(d) whether conferring of AI, A2 or other grades would remove the ambition of securing district, divisional, State or national rank among students and whether its introduction would address all the problems faced by education sector; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has decided to introduce grading system at Secondary School level for Class X Board Examination, 2010, and for continuous and comprehensive evaluation of class IX students from the session 2009-10.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The results would be in terms of grades and not marks.

(d) and (e) CBSE does not declare ranks among students appearing in the Board examinations conducted by it.